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Jeff Miller, et al.

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Method for Enhanced Suspension"**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED JULY 21, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 21, 2006, please amend the referenced application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper; and
- **Summary** begins on page 16 of this paper.

An extension of time is needed for this response and the Commissioner is requested to grant same. A check for the fee for the extension is enclosed. However, if the check is insufficient or is not found, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0807. Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination herewith and a check for the fee for same is also enclosed.

Again, if the check is insufficient or if it is not found, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0807. Similarly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee for the amendment to the claims included with this response, although none is believed to be due, as well as any other fees that may be due for this application (except the issue fee), to said Deposit Account.